

Minutes by J. A. D. McCurdy, September 20, 1908

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28 A meeting was held on September 20, 1908, by order of the Chairman, at 1331 Conn. Ave. Washington, D.C., at 10 a.m. Present, A.G. Bell, G. H. Curtis, F. W. Baldwin and J. D. McCurdy.

Owing to the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge Mr. McCurdy was elected Secretary as his successor.

Special business before the meeting was the framing of two resolutions in reference to the unfortunate accident at Fort Myer, which caused the death of our late Secretary, Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge. The following resolution was decided upon to convey to the parents of Lieutenant Selfridge our sympathy in their great loss:

RESOLVED, To that the Aerial Equipment Assoc. place on record our high appreciation of our late Secretary, Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, who met death in his efforts to advance the art of aviation. The Association laments the loss of a dear friend and valued associate; the United States Army loses a valuable and prominent army officer, and the world an ardent student of aviation who made himself familiar with the whole progress of the art in the interests of his native country.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed by the Chairman to prepare a biography of our friend, the late Thomas E. Selfridge, for incorporation in to the records of the Association.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the parents of Lieutenant Selfridge.

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Resolution No. 2 which follows, conveys to Mr. Orville Wright the idea that the members of the Association sympathise with him in his grief over the death of Lieutenant Selfridge 2 29 and of hope for a speedy recovery from the injuries sustained by his own fall.

RESOLVED, That the members of the A.E.A. herewith extend to Orville Wright their deepest sympathy for his grief at the death of their associate, Lieutenant Selfridge. We realize that in this pioneering of the air the unforeseen must occasionally be disastrous. We hope sincerely that Mr. Wright will, soon recover from the serious injuries he has sustained to convey, & continue in conjunction with his brothers Mr. Wilbur Wright, the splendid demonstration to the world of the great possibilities of aerial flight.

Jao McCurdy Secretary The meeting adjourned at 12 AM. subject to the call of the Chairman